

In 1943 the existing parsonage was built under the pastorate of the late Rev. F.A. Roundtree.

In 1945 the late Rev. R.A. Jackson, the pastor, organized the first Women's Day below the Mason Dixie Line, which was held in the present church. The last Mrs. Myrtle McCleod Davis served as Chairperson.

In 1947 Rev. I.D. Hinson, pastor at that time, started construction of the Educational Building, now known as the Annex. Improvements were made by Rev. R.E. Lamb and the late Rev. J.A. Roberts, and it was completed by the Rev. T.C. Kelley. Rev. Kelley also organized the Male Chorus, the Busy Bee Club and the Willing Workers.

The previous mortgage had been burned by the late Rev. A.F. Little.

Under the pastorate of the late Rev. T.E. Wright the name of the church was changed to Greater Saint Paul AME Church. He saw a need to serve the community of Coconut Grove with a Day Care Center, which accommodated at least 45 working mothers. Necessary repairs were made to the church and the annex during his administration. He had an undying loyalty to the Youth Church which he referred to as the "church of tomorrow". Under the leadership of Mesdames Elizabeth Espy, Ruth Seal Bullard, Hattie Johnson, Carlee Daniels, Esther M. Ambrister and Cliffonia Ross, the Junior Church was one of the best in the South Florida Conference.

The Missionary Choir was organized with Mrs. Catherine Morgan as the directress, and the late Mrs. Miriam Sands Massey as the pianist. Mrs. Massey served the church well for 38 years, her sister the late Ms. Ernestine Sands, served the church for 12 years, and their father, the late Nathan Sands, served as director of the Mozart Choir for 45 years. The service of the Sands family was unlimited.

From 1972 and during the pastorate of Rev. F.A. Allen, major renovations and repairs were made to the exterior and interior of the church and the annex. He organized the F.A. Allen Gospel Choir and the Singing Angels, our youth choir. In 1972 Hauley Wiggins Choir was organized, consisting of the young adults of the church.

According to church records four ministers were ordained into the ministry and now pastor their own churches. Under Rev. Wright's pastorate, Rev. John Bodison was ordained, along with Rev. Theodore Barnett and Rev. Eugene Wilson. Rev. Michael Bouie was ordained under the pastorate of Rev. Allen.

During the Annual Conference of 1984 Rev. O.W. Burroughs was appointed as pastor, and interestingly enough he had been ordained in St. Paul 1949, having come from another district. Rev. Burroughs served the church well, liquidating the church of debt before his untimely demise in 1987. Regrettably he was unable to physically witness the burning of the mortgage, however, spiritually his presence was felt.

During the annual conference Rev. James H. Davis was given the charge to shepherd the flock of St. Paul, to uplift their morale and give them insight into the future of a new Greater Saint Paul. The church took on a new outlook with a vision in mind, which was to build a new edifice, one of which we can be proud. Property was purchased on Thomas Avenue across the street, which is now being used for parking. Property was purchased on Williams Avenue, behind the church, which holds a set of duplexes, which are self supportive.

The assistant pastor, Rev. Phillip Cooper, having been inherited from the Allen administration, is working diligently alongside our pastor. He serves the church spiritually, musically, educationally and financially.

Rev. Cooper is quite supportive of the church's programs.

Greater Saint Paul AW Church witnessed the building of a new church, and will celebrate its centennial anniversary and dedication on April 14, 1996.

TRIBUTE TO CAPT. PATRICK L. HIGGINS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride and great respect that I rise to recognize the retirement of Capt. Patrick L. Higgins from the Thompsonville fire district in Enfield, CT, after 30 years of unparalleled and dedicated service. Throughout his exceptional career he has been active in his community, not only through his role in public safety, but also with his membership in such organizations as the VFW.

In 1969, early in his career with the fire department, Captain Higgins traveled to Wisconsin to pick up and deliver Thompsonville's first firefighting foam unit. Later, although not known for being foam unit specialists, Captain Higgins led his department to victory in competitions at Westover Air Force Base, defeating the renowned Westover department in foam unit firefighting.

Captain Higgins was born and raised in Thompsonville and is married, with two children. Today we pay tribute to his years of valiant service and outstanding contributions and wish him well in all his future endeavors.

JUDGE PENZIEN: GUILTY AS CHARGED

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, in our system of government where legislatures pass laws, executives sign them, and courts interpret and apply them, we need to be very appreciative of the dedicated jurists who take the task of judging disputes between society and individuals, or simply between individuals. The people of Bay County, MI, my home county, have had the good fortune to be served by a very dedicated man, Bay County Circuit Judge Eugene C. Penzien, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of effort in a stellar legal career.

Judge Penzien began private general practice in 1958 with former prosecuting attorney and district and circuit court judge, Ira Butterfield, as well as David Skinner. After 11 years, he became the first full-time Bay County prosecuting attorney until 1978. He first became circuit judge in 1979 and also served as chief judge between 1979 and 1982.

During his tenure, he became a personally important individual to literally thousands of Bay County residents. Having rendered over 22,000 decisions from the bench, there is no doubt that this fine jurist has left his mark on Bay County. But while some people think that the courtroom is always as dramatic as television portrays, many are quite appreciative of the fact that throughout his time as a circuit

court judge that Judge Penzien has encouraged people to meet in chambers to reach amicable agreement in a quick and less onerous fashion than a protracted court fight which may ultimately be no better than the settlement.

His membership in numerous professional organizations, including the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and its coordinating council, as well as his chairmanship of the Bay County Law Enforcement Council only begin to describe his civil commitment. He has been involved with the American Cancer Society Bay County Chapter, the Bay Area Child Guidance Clinic, the Bay City Kiwanis Club, the Bay County Mental Health Society, the Bay City YMCA, and the First United Methodist Church.

He has provided an admirable role model to the people of Bay County. He has done so with the support of his wonderful wife Mary, his children Karla and Douglas, and his stepchildren Stephen Chick and Caroline Arnold. And now his grandchildren Jessica Richards and Kimberly Penzien, and his grandchild Daishelle Richards, can learn more about what justice is supposed to be from a man who has worked a lifetime to provide it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and all of our colleagues to join me in thanking Bay County Circuit Court Judge Eugene C. Penzien for his years of service, and in wishing him the very best for the challenges that lie ahead.

THE PHILLIPS AMBULATORY CARE CENTER

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues Beth Israel Medical Center's Phillips Ambulatory Care Center, which is opening its doors today in New York's 14th Congressional District.

The Phillips Ambulatory Care Center is an extraordinary new health care facility that is designed to provide a single standard of ambulatory care to all patients, regardless of health insurance status. The development of new ambulatory care facilities such as this one is particularly important at a time when health insurance plans are increasingly emphasizing out-of-hospital service.

Phillips proposes to provide each patient medical services at a designated patient care module that is small, patient-friendly, and modeled after the most modern and comfortable private physician office.

As a state-of-the-art ambulatory care center, this new facility incorporates many technological innovations into its design and operation. For example, the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center has the Nation's first digitized filmless radiology service.

Filmless radiography will allow physicians to view radiographic images promptly at convenient locations within the facility and will make it possible to consult with a radiologist moments after the studies are done.

Another technological innovation at the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center is a computer-based, paperless medical records system. With this system, physicians and other clinical staff will have immediate access to a patient's

most up-to-date medical records. This state-of-the-art medical records system will strengthen the continuum of care for patients. For example, notes made in a patient's chart during a morning visit to the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center will be accessible to emergency room staff at the Petrie Division of Beth Israel Hospital the same day, should the patient need emergency care.

Located in Zeckendorf Towers, the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center will play an important role in revitalizing the Union Square area. Early this summer, Beth Israel Hospital will open a comprehensive cancer center and a six-unit ambulatory surgery center in the same building that houses the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center. The combined facilities are expected to bring additional visitors into the area and to add to its economic vitality.

Mr. Speaker, Beth Israel Medical Center has a reputation for innovation and care. The Phillips Ambulatory Care Center should prove to be another fine example of the extraordinary work done by this institution. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center all the best as it begins its work in our community.

MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH OF MIAMI, INC., OLDEST
BLACK CHURCH IN DADE COUNTY

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a cherished house of worship, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, located in Miami, FL. In October 1995, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church celebrated its 100th year as a spiritual beacon for the Miami community.

I urge the Members to read the church history which I'm inserting into the RECORD.

THE OLDEST BLACK CHURCH IN DADE COUNTY

The Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Miami, Incorporated lineage began at Union Chapel (Plymouth Church) in 1891. Because the Black worshippers at Union Chapel were not accustomed to the style of worship services, they organized their own church in 1895. Rev. S.A. Sampson and fifty-six other black members of Union Chapel were successful in organizing a church in the home of Mrs. Edith Albury. This church was called the Fifty-Six Baptist Church. The Fifty-Six Baptist Church was later blessed with a gift of land on which to build a church. The land was donated to the Fifty-Six Baptist Church by the Count Jean D'Hedouville and it was located on Thomas Avenue. After the church was erected, the name was changed from Fifty-Six Baptist Church to St. Agnes.

In 1903, St. Agnes Church was moved from Thomas Avenue to Charles Avenue where another edifice was erected. Deacons Washington and Bumey played the primary role in changing the name from St. Agnes to Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church on May 25, 1922. In June 1948 Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church was again moved to its present site. It was incorporated in 1976 and the name was changed to Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Miami, Incorporated. The

organization of this church was significant in South Florida's history because it was the first Black church on the South Florida mainland to be organized by Blacks. On April 15, 1993, Macedonia's name was placed on one of Coconut Grove's Historical Markers. This marker was placed next to the church on Charles Avenue.

1835-1939: Rev. S.A. Sampson was the organizer and founder of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Miami, Incorporated. Succeding Rev. Sampson were Reverends Watson, Yates, Guilford, Nicholson, Sneed, Driver, and Whitaker.

1939-1970: Rev. Finlayson pastored Macedonia Baptist Church for thirty-one years and left a strong church organization that was spiritually sound and financially secure. During his tenure, the present edifice was built; the parsonage on Charles Avenue was built, property on Williams Avenue was acquired for future expansion.

1971-1975: Rev. Philip Cooper, a gifted musician and educator, served as an interim pastor. During his tenure, the thirteen deacon concept as ward leaders was organized; the use of collection plates to ascertain offerings and tithes, was initiated; the prelude before worship was instituted; and the financial department organized.

1976-1981: Rev. Arthur Jordan was the youngest minister to ever pastor Macedonia. Under his administration—the church was redecorated and refurbished; the fellowship hall was air-conditioned. Rev. Jordan, with keen insight, began a financial drive to buy a church van.

1981-1983: From June 1981 to April 1983 Macedonia was void of a pastor. Deacon Charlie Sinkler, Chairperson of the Deacon Board and Sister Arlene Broxton, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, were instrumental in keeping the church in unity. Under their leadership, the church was spiritually filled and financially secure, the parsonage was refurbished; and a financial drive was begun to raise funds for a decorative security fence for the church.

1983-: Rev. Rudolph Daniels, a gifted gospel singer and educator, was called for his first pastorate at Macedonia on April 20, 1983. Since 1983, the fifteen passenger van and the decorative ornamental fence have been realized; an elevator has been installed. During hurricane Andrew, Macedonia sustained extensive damage but has since restored to her original beauty both inside and outside.

Macedonia's roots are like those of a redwood tree, intertwined throughout Dade County. However, the future of the church is assured because its rich heritage is being transferred to its youth through the revived Christ emphasis. Its heritage reflects the real struggles of Christianity throughout the world, but its philosophy remains: "With Christ all things are possible."

The roots of this great church are firmly planted in the whole armor of Jesus Christ and shall not be moved.

COLORADO JOINS STATES
LEGISLATING AGAINST FGM

HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to report that Colorado has joined the growing ranks of States that are drawing up their own legislation to ban female genital mutilation

[FGM]. In fact today Senator Dorothy Rupert, who sponsored the bill along with Senator Bill Thiebaut and Representative Glenda Swanson Lyle, is among lawmakers who are conducting hearings on the bill back in Denver.

Their bill is similar to mine, H.R. 941, in that it has criminal and education components. It would make it a crime of child abuse to mutilate a child's genitalia, or allow it to be done, and would require the public health department to carry out education among communities that traditionally practice FGM, using private funds, grants, gifts, or donations.

The education is essential, but so is the criminalization of this brutal act, which is done in the name of custom. As the Congressional Research Service has pointed out:

While most states have laws which prohibit endangering the welfare of a child or creating a substantial risk to the health of a child, it is not clear whether these laws would necessarily be interpreted to prohibit female genital mutilation in all cases.

So, we need explicit legislation, both on a State and Federal level.

Senator Rupert tells me that she knows FGM is being practiced in Colorado because she gets anecdotal reports of it. And this has really been the problem with legislation such as this—because FGM takes place so covertly and the evidence of it is largely anecdotal, some people still don't want to believe it happens in this country. But if it doesn't, then why have Colorado, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and North Dakota introduced or passed their own legislation against it? And why do I get regular inquiries from other States that are interested? It's because it's happening here. It's high time we took our heads out of the sand and did something about it.

ENFIELD, CT, FIRE DEPARTMENT
CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

HON. NANCY L. JOHNSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise to pay tribute to the men and women, past and present, of the Enfield, CT, Fire Department as they celebrate 100 years of service and dedication to the citizens of Enfield, CT.

Volunteers comprise the majority of members of the Enfield Fire Department, a further testament to the department's commitment to Enfield and its surrounding communities. For the past century the members of the Enfield Fire Department have selflessly contributed countless hours to ensure the safety of their neighbors and protect them from danger.

These men and women are, indeed, a rare breed. Courageously, they put their lives on the line each day—often in situations where they are keenly aware of the realities of personal injury. The Enfield Fire Department and others across America deserve our thanks, as it is their meritorious deeds that have saved many lives each year. Accordingly, I would like to thank the Enfield Fire Department, on this their 100th anniversary, for their service, and let them know they are not forgotten.